



## Summer Employment Opportunity Weed Management Technicians

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Weed Management Program is looking for qualified, interested individuals to fill temporary seasonal (maximum employment period of six months) weed control positions. The positions will be stationed at either the Salmon-Cobalt Ranger District based in **Salmon, Idaho** or the Middle Fork Ranger District based in **Challis, Idaho**.

### Position Duties

- Perform weed control activities as part of Forest Service weed management crews. Weed control consists primarily of herbicide applications, but also includes mechanical control methods and collection and placement of biological control agents.
- Identify, collect, release and monitor biological control agents.
- Identify weed species and native plants. Conduct weed inventory mapping and data collection using resource grade handheld computers/GPS receivers and GIS software.
- Perform quality control checks, download and process weed control, inventory and monitoring data using various software programs and corporate Forest Service databases.
- Operate four-wheel drive vehicles and ATV's/UTV's, haul trailers and operate spray equipment.
- Travel using a variety of equipment and vehicles, including 4WD pickups, ATV's/UTV's, pack and saddle stock, rafts and jet boats, small aircraft, etc.
- Perform routine equipment and calibration checks and perform basic maintenance on a variety of weed control equipment, including, ATV's/UTV's, backpack pumps, etc.
- Assist with implementation monitoring (Did we do what we said we would do?) and effectiveness monitoring (Were our treatments effective in controlling weeds?) in riparian and upland plant communities using a variety of techniques.

### Do I Qualify?

- The pay grade at which a position is hired depends Forest Service needs and on your experience and credentials.
- You must be in good physical condition and able to carry up to 40 pounds in steep, unstable terrain on a daily basis.
- Other qualifications for temporary federal employment are addressed during the application process.

### Strong Applicants Possess:

- A valid state driver's license
- A professional Idaho herbicide applicator's license OR a license from a state which has a reciprocity agreement with Idaho.
- Experience and an excellent safety record for operating 4-wheel drive pickups, ATV's/UTV's, and pulling equipment trailers, etc.

### How Do I Apply?

These positions are being filled through an on-line application process. You must apply through USAJOBS: <https://www.usajobs.gov> ; **only** on-line applications will be accepted. The deadline varies by the position for which you are applying; the dates that applications are being accepted are as follows:

Title	Announcement Number	Applications Being Accepted
GS-3 Biological Aide (General)	16-TEMP-R4-0404-3BSA-DT	February 10 - 16, 2016
GS-4 Biological Technician (Noxious Weeds)	16-TEMP-R4-0404-4BIONW-DT	February 17 - 23, 2016
GS-5 Biological Technician (Noxious Weeds)	16-TEMP-R4-0404-5BIONW-DT	January 19 - 25, 2016
GS-6 Biological Technician (Noxious Weeds)	16-TEMP-R4-0404-6BIONW-DT	January 19 - 25, 2016

The application process can take some time, so please plan accordingly to provide a complete application. **Be sure to specify Salmon, Idaho or Challis, Idaho (or both) as the preferred duty location.**

**It is recommended that you visit with the Salmon-Challis National Forest Zone Weed Management Program Leaders before you apply.** For more information, contact:

Salmon Duty Station - Diane Schuldt at [dschuldt@fs.fed.us](mailto:dschuldt@fs.fed.us). Telephone – 208-756-5249  
Challis Duty Station – Tommy Gionet at [tgionet@fs.fed.us](mailto:tgionet@fs.fed.us) Telephone – 208-879-4116

### Other Information

The work season is generally May through September. Start dates vary and will be determined prior to selection. There is no Forest Service housing available in **Salmon**. Employees will be required to find their own housing. Rental rates in Salmon generally range from \$500 - \$800/month. Forest Service housing may be available in **Challis, ID** on a first come first serve basis, slots are limited. The cost for government housing is approximately \$250/ month, while local rentals average \$500/month.

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